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In re patent application of:

Applicant: Zheng et al.
Serial No.: 10/658,506
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Title: MEMORY DEVICE HAVING HIGH WORK FUNCTION GATE AND METHOD OF ERASING SAME

Art Unit: 2818
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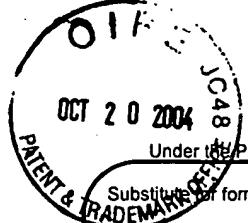
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